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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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USDOC FOR OIM DAVID SULLIVAN

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SUBJ: BEIRUT FSL REGIONAL SEMINAR

REF: STATE 89616

1. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD SUBJECT SEMINAR
IN TUNIS ALTHOUGH U.S. PARTICIPATION IN TUNIS INTERNATIONAL
FAIR (MAY 16-JUNE 1) WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION
OF TIME OF E/C SECTION DURING SUBJECT PERIOD.

2. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED SEVERAL HOTELS IN TUNIS
AND IN BEACH AREAS NEAR TUNIS BUT ONLY TWO HAVE CAPABILITY
TO HANDLE SUBJECT SEMINAR. TUNIS HILTON (\$21.50 SINGLE,
TAX AND SERVICE AND ALL APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS INCLUDED) IS
LOCATED IN TUNIS SUBURB ABOUT 15 MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN
WITH IRREGULAR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE. HILTON HAS
NECESSARY CONFERENCE ROOMS AVAILABLE. TUNISIA PALACE
(\$12.00 SINGLE WITH BREAKFAST, TAX, SERVICE AND ALL
DISCOUNTS INCLUDED) IS AN OLDER HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN TUNIS.
TUNISIA PALACE HAS CONFERENCE ROOMS, BUT IS ALSO CLOSE
TO USIS CULTURAL CENTER WHERE MEETINGS COULD BE HELD.
EMBASSY HAS RESERVED 24 ROOMS AT EACH HOTEL (HILTON-MAY 5-9,
TUNISIA PALACE-MAY 6-10) AND MUST BE INFORMED BY
RETURN CABLE WHICH HOTEL USDOC WISHES TO
USE. SCARCITY OF ROOMS DUE TO BEGINNING OF EXCEPTIONALLY
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HEAVY TOURIST SEASON WHICH WILL BE KICKED OFF BY LONG

EUROPEAN HOLIDAY OVER MAY DAY.

3. DUE TUNIS FAIR AND SMALL E/C SECTION, EMBASSY WILL
PROBABLY BE ABLE GIVE ONLY MINIMAL SUPPORT TO SEMINAR
OTHER THAN EQUIPMENT CITED REFTEL. WE WILL, HOWEVER,
DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE SEMINAR SUCCESSFUL.
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